

REMARKSA. Request for Reconsideration

Applicant has carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action but remains of the position that patentable subject matter is present. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

B. Claim Status

Claims 1-4 and 6 are currently pending in the application and are under examination.

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 have been amended herein to refer to the upper filter plate and the lower filter plate as being an upper filtration media support member and a lower filtration media support member, respectively. Use of the term filtration media support member can be found on page 10, line 11 through page 11, line 2 wherein it teaches that a first and second filtration media are partitioned between the two filtration beds and supported thereby.

Also as noted by the Examiner starting on page 20 at line 20 a specific construction for the upper filter is taught while on page 22 starting at line 18 a specific embodiment for the lower filter bed is taught. Respectfully, using the term "filtration media support member" is supported by the application and has no new matter.

C. Rejection

Claims 1-4 had been rejected in the 35 U.S.C. § 112 on the grounds that the claims contained subject matter not described in the specification. The claims have been amended herein to refer to the upper member as being an upper filtration media support member and the lower member being a lower filtration media support member. As noted above, the specification provides support for these limitations and thus no new matter has been added.

D. Conclusion

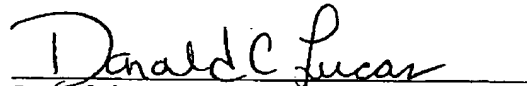
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any extension of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this

Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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